

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

43. (Currently Amended) A medical system, comprising  
a pre-programmed data set;  
a first implantable medical device (IMD) including a connector port;  
an implantable lead including a connector and a passive transponder, the  
connector adapted to be coupled to the first IMD connector port and the  
transponder including means ~~to store~~ for storing and means ~~to transmit~~ for  
transmitting the pre-programmed data set; and  
a transmitter/receiver including means ~~to power~~ for powering the passive  
transponder, means ~~to receive~~ for receiving the transmitted data set, and means  
~~to configure~~ for configuring the IMD for initial operation in response to the pre-  
programmed data set.
44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 43, wherein the data set  
includes data descriptive of the implantable lead selected from the group  
consisting of serial number, lot number, expiration date, electrical characteristics,  
product performance results, intended therapy, indications for use, and  
calibration data.
45. (Previously Presented) The medical system of claim 44, wherein the pre-  
programmed data set is programmed at a time of manufacture of the implantable  
lead.
46. (Currently Amended) The medical system of claim 43, further comprising  
a second pre-programmed data set descriptive of the first IMD; and  
a second IMD, adapted to replace the first IMD, including a second  
connector port adapted to be coupled with the implantable lead connector;

wherein the transponder of the implantable lead further includes means to ~~receive~~ for receiving the second pre-programmed data set and the transmitter/receiver further includes means ~~to transmit~~ for receiving the second pre-programmed data set from the first IMD to the transponder, the transponder communicating the second pre-programmed data set to the second IMD at a time of replacement.

47. (Previously Presented) The medical system of claim 46 wherein the second pre-programmed data set includes data selected from the group consisting of serial number, lot number, threshold values, operating parameters, therapy settings, cautions, calibration data, user identification, and patient data.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 43, wherein the transmitter/receiver is located in the first IMD.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 43, further comprising an external device, wherein the transmitter/receiver is located in the external device.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the external device is a programmer.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the external device is a patient data module (PDM).